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Marc:

Following is an preliminary response to your questions:

1. I am trying to find out who can take calls on this subject. Frankly, the story surprised people in the U.S. It ran inSaturday's papers and literally right now the U.S. lawyers and CA people are discussing next steps. I will try to get clearance for, perhaps, one of our lawyers in Lausanne (Tony is travelling) to handle querries in Europe....but i'll have to wait another hour or so before I can adivse

2. I haven't seen the AFP story.....but i've seen the document. Actually Kessler, head of the FDA, wrote a letter (not a report) to the Coalition on Smoking OR Health. COSH sent a petition to FDA outlining a list of demands re getting FDA to take on jurisdiction over tobacco. Kesslers letter was then distributed by COSH to the media on Friday...hence the stories and timing.

The letter may reflect a new willingness of FDA to take on tobacco. But it up to Congress to formally grant FDA that role. So the letter is only the first stage in what could be a long debate...an no one knows what the outcome could be....

3. As soon as we get an official statement, I will send it.....

Also,,,,you should be aware that this evening on ABC television there will be a one hour investigative journalism story on their "DAY ONE" show on the same subject. This may give more visibility to the story in the U.S.

Sorry not to have more specifics for you yet.....

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Matt

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From: Mark Transon
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Dear Matt,

French wire Agency AFP circulated this week-end new according to which the US Food and Drugs administration was considering to classify nicotine as a narcotic, which could in turn lead to

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